5. In case of stocks having living infestation, a cut at the rate of Rupee one per quintal may be charged as fumigation charges

6. For weevilled grains determined by count, following price cuts will be imposed.

(i) from the beginning of the season till end of August, the rate of cut will be @ Rs. 1/- per qtl., for every 1% or part therof.

(ii) from 1st September till end of October, no cut will be imposed upto 1% while for any excess, the cut will be @ Rs. 1/- per qtl., for every 1% or part thereof.

(iii) from 1st November till end of the season no cut will be imposed upto 2% while for any excess, the cut will be @ Rs. 1/- per qtl., for every 1% or part thereof.

(iv) stocks containing weevilled grains in excess of 3% will be rejected.

Method of Analysis

As given in Bureau of Indian Standard No. IS. 4333 (Part I and II) 1967 and as amended from time to time except for weevilled grains which are to be determined by count method.

Definitions of Refractions:— As contained in BIS Specifications No. 2813-1995.

Sugar Production

2448. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of sugar recorded in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the concrete steps taken by Government to promote production of sugar in the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) As per information available with the Government,

the production of sugar cane in the country during the last three years and the current year was as under:—

Sugar Season (October-September)	Production (in lakh M.Ts)
2002-2003	201.32
2003-2004	139.58
2004-2005) Provisional)	130.00
2005-2006 (Estimated)	181.67

(b) The Government have taken the following steps to increase the sugar production:—

(i) The Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) for 2005-06 has been fixed at Rs. 79.50 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 9% subject to a premium of 88 paise for every 0.1% point increase in the recovery above that level.

(ii) Through effective release mechanism, better monthly open market realization was ensured for sugar mills, enabling them to clear cane arrears to the extent of 99.94% and as such, encouraged sugarcane farmers to increase sugarcane acreage and cultivation.

(c) Does not arise.

Wheat production and prices

+2449. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of wheat in rabi crop is expected to be less by 15-20 per cent in 2006;

(b) whether this may cause rise in the price of wheat; and

(c) if so, the details of measures to be taken to deal with such situation?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. As per the Second

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